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accommodating [conductor bars or conductor coils] conductors of a stator winding, wherein each segmental lamination is provided on its radial outside with periodically distributed notches, the notches of axially adjacent segmental laminations in the laminated stator body being arranged in alignment with one another, said notches being filled only with an atmosphere surrounding said stator body.--

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Please add new Claims 14 and 15 as follows:

- 14. The laminated stator body as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the number of notches is equal to the number of slots.
15. The laminated stator body as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the atmosphere is air--.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 15 are now active in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. New Claims 14 and 15 have been added.

Claim 14 includes the limitations of Claim 5 but depends from Claim 2. This claim was inadvertently omitted when the multiple dependent claims were rewritten as singly dependent claims in the Preliminary Amendment.

Before discussing in detail the rejection of the claims, it is believed that a brief review of some of the significant aspects of the present invention is in order.

The present invention relates to a laminated stator body for an electrical machine such as a generator or motor. Each body contains slots for accommodating conductors on the radially inward side of the body. Each body also contains notches on the radially outside part of the body in order to reduce the resonant frequency below the rotational excitation